

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for inputting time and date in a video environment, comprising:  
displaying one or more sliders, each having a slide knob and ends,  
wherein the slide knob may be pulled with a user input device;  
displaying within the slide knob a desired setting, wherein the setting  
comprises day, month, year, hour, minute, and seconds; and  
displaying a range limit for an end of each slider.
2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising displaying a slide  
knob, where a slide knob's position between the ends of each slider corresponds  
to the desired setting's proximity to the range limit.
3. A device for inputting time and date in a video environment, comprising:  
one or more sliders, each having a slide knob and ends, wherein the slide  
knob may be pulled with a user input device;  
a displaying within the slide knob indicating a desired setting, wherein the  
setting comprises day, month, year, hour, minute, and seconds;  
and  
a range limit display at each end of each slider.

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4. The device according to claim 3, further comprising a slide knob, where a slide knob's position between the ends of each slider corresponds to the desired setting's proximity to the range limit.

5. The device according to claim 4, wherein the device is used to select a start time of a video program.

6. The device according to claim 5, wherein the slider indicated a series of programs to be viewed.

7. A system for inputting time and date in a video environment, comprising:  
means for displaying one or more sliders, each having a slide knob and ends, wherein the slide knob may be pulled with a user input device;  
means for displaying within the slide knob a desired setting, wherein the setting comprises day, month, year, hour, minute, and seconds;  
and  
means for displaying a range limit for an end of each slider.

1        8.        The system according to claim 7, further comprising means for displaying  
2        a slide knob, where a slide knob's position between the ends of each slider  
3        corresponds to the desired setting's proximity to the range limit.

1        9.        A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of  
2        instructions for inputting time in a video environment, said plurality of instructions  
3        when executed by a computer, cause said computer to perform  
4               displaying one or more sliders, each having a slide knob and ends,  
5               wherein the slide knob may be pulled with a user input device;  
6               displaying within the slide knob a desired setting, wherein the setting  
7               comprises day, month, year, hour, minute, and seconds; and  
8               displaying a range limit for an end of each slider.

1        10.       The computer-readable medium of claim 9 having stored thereon  
2        additional instructions, said additional instructions when executed by a computer,  
3        cause said computer to further perform displaying a slide knob, where a slide  
4        knob's position between the ends of each slider corresponds to the desired  
5        setting's proximity to the range limit.